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1. Between 18 and 23 June 1952, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in Luckenwalde (N 53/2 90) quartered a rocket launcher unit which conducted most of its training at the nearby Jueterbog troop training grounds. For the first time, an AT gun of about 57-mm coupled to truck [] was repeatedly seen in the billeting area. At 9 a.m. on 18 June, 1 officer and 20 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched toward the training grounds without weapons. They were later seen 3.5 km west-southwest of Luckenwalde near six M-13 rocket launchers emplaced there, and seven trucks were also seen there. The rocket launchers fired individual shots at intervals of 1 to 5 minutes. On 20 June, four M-13 rocket launchers, [] left the billeting area toward the troop training grounds. On 23 June, M-13 rocket launchers [] and truck [] with 1525X1 soldiers left the installation toward the training grounds. They were followed by rocket launchers [] and 25X1 five trucks [] Each of 25X1 the trucks carried 14 to 16 men with light equipment. (1)

2. During the period from 18 to 23 June, the Stalag I south of the road fork of the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde and Luckenwalde-Frankenforde road quartered an AAA unit which, prior to the beginning of June, was equipped with up to 14 x 37-mm AA guns. Up to 120 soldiers with red bordered black epaulets were then repeatedly observed engaged in training. On 18 June, four 37-mm AA guns, two with, and two without, protective shield, and a crew of six men each were in emplacements in the northern section of the billeting area. A total of about 20 trucks arrived at the Stalag I from the Luckenwalde freight station between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on 19 June. They carried 50 to 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and signal insignia, billeting equipment and boxes. []

Several radio trucks were also observed with the troops. During the time following the arrival of the trucks, there was intensive traffic of personnel between Stalag I and Stalag II. Several canvas-covered trucks and trucks [] the latter with trailer carrying rubber cables, were identified in the billeting area.

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3. During the period from 18 to 23 June, Stalag II west of Stalag I quartered about 250 troops, some of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] these troops belonged to the AAA unit in Stalag I. Traffic of personnel to Stalag I and truck [redacted] were noticed. (2)

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4. During the period from 7 to 19 June, the Norddeutsche Werke were occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops were engaged in formation drill, firing practice, and callisthenics in groups of 30 to 100 men. (1)

5. On 16 and 17 June, trucks [redacted] entered Stalag I, each occupied by 10 soldiers with red bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment. 25X1

6. During the period from 9 to 18 June, troops practiced with three 37-mm AA guns, and groups of 40 to 50 men were engaged in entrenching work, in the western section of Stalag I. A total of 30 foxholes of 4 x 5 meters and slanting entrances so as to allow vehicles to drive in were dug by the troops.

7. During the period from 7 to 18 June, Stalag II west of Stalag I quartered troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Groups of 30 to 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced the throwing of hand grenades, were engaged in carbine drill and callisthenics. Twenty foxholes similar to those in Stalag I were dug in the wooded area south of Stalag II. However, these holes were 3 meters long, 5 meters wide, 2 meters deep and placed about 40 meters apart. (2)

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8. [redacted]

9. [redacted]

Comments.

- (1) [redacted] confirm the 21st Cds AA Regt of the Third Cds Wehr Army on the premises of the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik until 33 June 1952. The AT gun coupled to truck [redacted] of the 47th Cds Wehr Regt of the 14th Cds Wehr Div had probably been detached for training purposes only. 25X1
- (2) Elements of the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Cds Wehr Army, most of all light AA units, are confirmed as being stationed in Stalag I and possibly, also in Stalag II. [redacted] The motor vehicles which, according to paragraph 2, were unloaded on 19 June 1952 and belong to units from all over the Soviet Zone of Germany, especially to signal units, confirm the transfer of the electrical repair shop of the GCS from Rathenow to Luckenwalde as had been [redacted] 25X1

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